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INFO AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS

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C O N F I D E N T I A L KIGALI 0326

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SUBJECT: BURUNDI SITUATION

REF: A) KIGALI 0319; B) BUJUMBURA 0487

1. HAS BEEN EXTREMELY DIFFICULT GET ACCURATE INFORMATION ON NUMBER OF BURUNDIAN REFUGEES WHO MADE INCUSION FROM RWANDA INTO BURUNDI. INQUIRIES TO NUMBER OF HIGHEST LEVEL GOR OFFICIALS HAVE ELICITED LITTLE ACCURATE INFORMATION. THEY HAVE SAID " A FEW" REFUGEES WERE ABLE TO CROSS BORDER; THE REST, AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER, WERE PREVENTED. THEY PROFESS TO KNOW NOTHING ABOUT FATE OF THOSE WHO DID CROSS BORDER OR OF CONDITIONS IN BURUNDI.

2. ON OTHER HAND BOTH FRENCH AMBASSADOR AND BELGIAN CHARGE HAVE INFORMATION TO EFFECT ANYWHERE FROM 2-3000
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SUCCEEDED IN ENTERING BURUNDI BUT THAT " MOST ALL"
HAVE RETURNED TO RWANDA WHERE MAJORITY ARE BACK AT
LILIMA CAMP, NOW GUARDED BY SOLDIERS. BELGIAN
CHARGE WAS TOLD AT AIRPORT MAY 17 BY BELGIAN
AMBASSADOR TO BURUNDI, WHO HAD JUST LEFT BUJUMBURA
FOR REASSIGNMENT, THAT ALL WAS TRANQUIL IN BURUNDI.
PAPAL NUNCIO, ACCREDITED ALSO TO BURUNDI, WAS INFORMED
BY TELEPHONE MAY 17 ALSO THAT ALL WAS QUIET THERE.

3. INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION MINISTER MUNYANEZA
RETURNED FROM SPECIAL MISSION TO KINSHASA NIGHT
OF MAY 17 (REFTEL). GOVERNMENT RADIO REPORTED HE
WAS RECEIVED BY MOBUTU. ZAIROIS AMBASSADOR TOLD US
NIGHT MAY 17 THAT MUNYANEZA HAD CARRIED SPECIAL
MESSAGE TO MOBUTU FROM KAYIBANDA AND HE SAID SUBJECT
MATTER WAS BURUNDI.
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